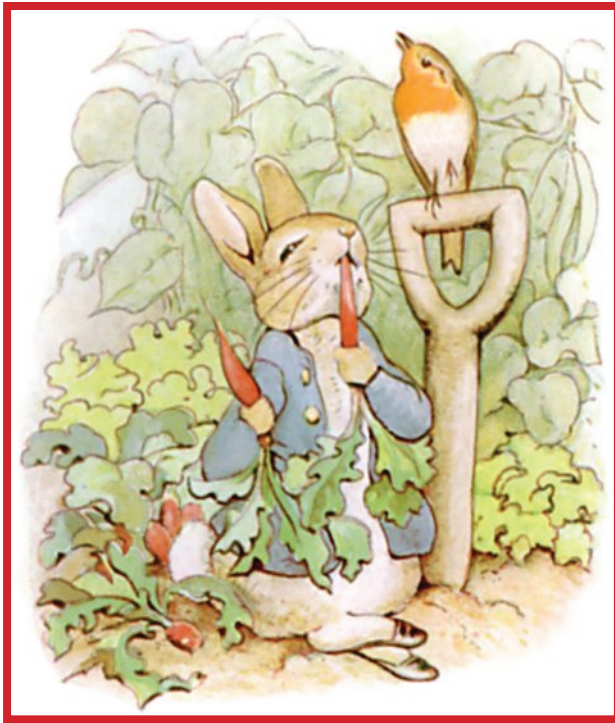


REMENHAM NEWSLETTER



REMENHAM SUMMER FAYRE

A celebration of 150 years of Beatrix Potter

SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2016

2.00-5.00pm

No 233 – September-October 2016



REMENHAM SUMMER FAYRE



**SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2016
FROM 2.00 – 5.00 PM
REMENHAM PARISH HALL AND GARDEN**

This year's Fayre is a celebration of 150 years of Beatrix Potter which is not to be missed. There are many games for children and adults, as well as flower, produce, art competitions for all, plus our bric-a-brac, cake stall, teas and cakes, a bar and BBQ and our dog show!! There is definitely something for everyone – family and friends plus your dog – so please bring everyone along to enjoy an afternoon of fun.

Please enter as many classes of the Produce Competition as you wish – the form is included with this newsletter. All exhibits to be in place ready for judging at 2.30pm please.

Please put **SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER** in your diary now and we really look forward to seeing you there.



The Parish Hall Committee



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5th Sunday	G Palethorpe	Mrs R Palethorpe

NORMAL SERVICES

11.15am	Matins (BCP)	First Sunday
11.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Second Sunday
11.15am	Matins (BCP)	Third Sunday
11.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Fourth Sunday
11.15am	Matins (BCP)	Fifth Sunday

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

St Nicholas
11.15am - Sunday, 2nd October 2016

The Rector is happy to visit parishioners and members of the congregation.
Monday is normally the Rector's day off, except for emergencies.

Parish Office: Monday & Tuesday 9.30am-12.30pm, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am-4.30pm
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The Parish Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday in the month at 8.00pm in the Parish Hall, except on the evening of the Annual Parish Meeting (usually in May) when it is beforehand. There is no meeting in August.

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July-Aug	Friday 17 June	Friday 24 June
Sept-Oct	Friday 12 August	Friday 19 August
Nov-Dec	Friday 28 October	Friday 4 November
Jan-Feb 2017	Friday 30 December 2017	Friday 6 January 2017

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CHURCH CLEANING

September	Charlotte Every	
October	Sarah West	Judy Bate

ALTAR FLOWERS

September	Sarah West	Sally Daniels
October	Jenny Law	Gini Forrester

PARISH REGISTER

Weddings

16 June 2016	Richard Steel and Allison Bennett Michael O'Driscoll and Jill Emerson
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Baptism

17 July 2016	Louis Barton
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PARISH DIARY (See articles for more information)

September

4th	2.00pm	Remenham Summer Fayre, Parish Hall and Garden
13th	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall
26th	Various	Start of Henley Literary Festival

October

1st/2nd	Various	Henley Literary Festival continues
2nd	11.15am	Harvest Festival Service, St Nicholas Church
7th		Harvest Supper, Parish Hall
7th		Cricket Club Sportsman's Dinner, Phyllis Court
11th	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Parish Hall



HARVEST SUPPER, PARISH HALL FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

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ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Do please keep sending any interesting/topical items for possible inclusion to the Editor, Felicity Rutland, preferably by email to newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk. The editorial team reserves the right to edit, amend, précis or reject articles, and those included in the Newsletter do not necessarily represent the views of the Editor.

EDITORIAL

The Summer Fayre on Sunday 4 September is the key event for this issue of the newsletter (and the theme this year has been a very useful way of filling in some corners!). There really is something for everyone so do come along to this wonderful annual village occasion.

There is also the Harvest Supper on 7 October - book your places now!

The Parish Diary looks a little thin for the next two months, so I have included two events that don't take place in Remenham itself but are of interest to many. The Henley Literary Festival comes with my personal recommendation and I know that a number of you also support this with enthusiasm. There is also the annual Cricket Club Sportsman's Dinner which raises money for the Ground Purchase Loan Fund - guest speaker the England cricketer and Strictly winner Mark Ramprakash!- and it is worth remembering that the club's purchase of the freehold is of huge benefit to our parish. (The concerns we had over the possibility of a supermarket or car park when Brakspear's wished to sell it seem a long time ago now.) Tickets from Sue Laing or the club.

I am particularly grateful to Jim Bland for rising to the challenge of writing an article for this newsletter at short notice, and by good fortune his delightful account of a Walk through Remenham Churchyard follows on beautifully from the article on The Little Churches of Berkshire mentioned by Charlotte Every.

Felicity
newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

If anyone is interested in joining the choir for the annual candlelit carol service at St Nicholas church please let me know. For the last few years we have set a very high standard but as before we could do with a few more experienced Alto and male voices. Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested as we are beginning to think about rehearsals.

Felicity Rutland
felicity.rutland@dsl.pipex.com

HELP! OCCASIONAL CHURCH CLEANING, CAN YOU HELP?

Occasional help with church cleaning would be very much appreciated. There is no need to be a regular church-goer but simply to appreciate our beautiful church, and it really isn't onerous, just once or twice a year. If you could spare a little time, to work in a team, please contact Rosemary Duckett on rkduckett@gmail.com.

FROM THE RECTORY

Dear friends

We might well be excused for wondering where on earth our civilisation is headed just at the moment. Towards the end of last month we witnessed what seemed to be an incessant parade of violent atrocities committed by men and women who seem to have lost all sense of humanity, and whose actions were quickly claimed by a religious movement which undoubtedly finds few—but sadly enough—followers to cause chaos and fear. For this is exactly what terrorism is—the creation of fear in society.

Sadly others too have used the powerful weapon of fear in order to gain their own ends. The recent referendum on our membership of the EU can hardly have been called the finest hour of British politics, and I do think that it may well be that future generations of historians will condemn both sides of the argument for failing to provide anything which approximated to the truth, and for giving us, instead of the facts, a whole host of threats and promises which I suspect we are going to realise just did not add up to much, certainly not enough to decide the future of our nations relationships with our near neighbours. And as for the Presidential election in the United States..... Well! We have yet to see how the American people will vote, but I suspect that the intervening few months is not going to provide us with much to cheer about.

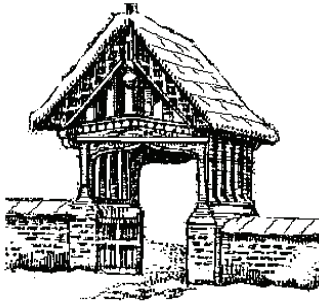
What should the Church, and we as members of it, have to say in these confusing circumstances. St Paul, in one of his letters, part of which we have recently read on a Sunday morning, tells us to ‘Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus’; many of us will have sung the chorus in our youth— ‘Keep your eyes upon Jesus; look full in his wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim; in the light of his wonder and grace.’ Because it is in Jesus that all this nonsense begins to make sense—or at least gains its perspective. The acts of terror are seen for what they are—a blasphemy against God our Creator. The lies and inventions of referenda and elections are seen for what they are—a travesty of the God who is Truth. And the only real question which remains is to ask ourselves where, in this mad, mad world, we ourselves can bring a little of the sanity of God’s love and power to bear.

With my love and prayers for you at this confusing (holiday—have a good one!) time!



Fr Martyn





REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

June and July

It has been a rollercoaster of a summer politically. The local elections were followed very quickly by the European Referendum, whose unexpected result gave rise to the resignation of David Cameron. Parliamentary hustings followed, resulting in two candidates remaining to be put to the membership in September. Andrea Leadsom pulled out leaving our MP, Theresa May, as the Party Leader and Prime Minister.

Her overhaul of the Cabinet was comprehensive and welcome. I am personally delighted with her appointments.

She has a lot on her plate and I am sure that you will join me in wishing her every success in her new job.

Theresa May

(See inside front cover for photograph.)

Of course, I am thrilled and very proud that Theresa is our new Prime Minister. I have worked with Theresa May since I was elected Parish Council Chairman and particularly after becoming a Borough Councillor. Since that time she has spoken frequently in the Parish Hall, the Flowerpot and the Horns. She particularly enjoys Henley Royal Regatta and Henley Festival. She is a very hard working local MP, making a point of door knocking with us and being visible. She is extremely responsive to residents' concerns and has spent a huge amount of time helping me with local issues.

Many of you have contacted me and asked, now she is PM, whether she will remain our MP and the answer is yes. I understand the boundary changes will not affect us so absolutely yes even after that.

She is very keen to assure all our residents that notwithstanding being PM, she wishes to be as available to residents as she has been even though that will be difficult. She is ably supported by Philip, her husband, who maybe will help more with constituency business.

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Notice Board and More Modern Government

Many parishioners will be delighted at the appearance of a new notice board at the Parish Hall. *(See inside front cover for photograph.)*

Reflecting WBC's wish to remove paper, your Parish Council is experimenting with onscreen planning documents and Parish Council agenda. We are also recording meetings to assist the preparation of minutes – the recordings will be deleted after the minutes have been approved.

Events and Traffic

Many are very angry as to how their lives have been affected by summer events and by the time that you read this Rewind may have happened. Please feed us all your concerns and continue to do so even if you feel you are becoming repetitive and vexatious. There is much that can be done to alleviate the concerns; what cannot be done is to stop the events unless, of course, in the view of the authorities there is an issue of public safety.

We will consult again on highways in the autumn and agree with Wokingham Borough Council with what can be done. Please do not feel that you are not being listened to, if your solution to a highways issue is not adopted as it may cause an issue for others.

Particularly, there are concerns with the Henley Women's Regatta. I, as your Parish Council Chairman, am attempting to meet with Miriam Luke, the Regatta's Chairman to address them.

The parish council will ask the police to start monitoring the 30mph on Remenham Hill and has been asked to seek a reduction of the speed on the Wargrave Road to 30mph and at the Eastern(top) end of Remenham Hill (where it is still residential), to 30mph.

Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire Review

The Parish Council has engaged a third party to evaluate the response and is awaiting the report.

Planning

I understand that the Polo Pitch in the old Aspect Park is being resubmitted with the alterations which were negotiated though the Malmesbury House application was resubmitted to keep it current. The application by Hobbs for floating pontoons has been refused.

*John Halsall
Chairman Remenham Parish Council
Councillor Wokingham Borough Council*

NEWS FROM REMENHAM CHURCH

Anthony West gave me a delightful newspaper cutting entitled “Little Churches of Berkshire” which was written about 1912 and gives a delightful insight to Remenham and the church. The article is on the Remenham website (www.Remenhamparish.org.uk) and well worth a read. One of the most interesting bits in the article is about the restoration of the church in the 1860s when the building was extended with the addition of the South Aisle. At that time a Georgian font was replaced with the present one and not knowing what to do with the old one the PCC decided to break it up (surely architectural vandalism of the first order!) and a piece was given to every person in the parish who had been baptised at St Nicholas.

Sadly, I have to report another theft from church. This time the two umbrella stands in the porch disappeared sometime between Sunday 17 and Sunday 24 July. They were worth very little but were useful and it is depressing that we cannot leave the church open for visitors anymore and that nothing is safe.

Leslie and Anthea Prescott, stalwart members of our congregation, have resigned from the PCC. We thank them for all their hard work and support.

Some dates for your diary: Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 2 October at 11.15am and the Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall on Friday 7 October at 7.30pm.

Charlotte Every
Churchwarden@remenhamparish.org.uk

From the Editor: I much enjoyed the article mentioned above and thought that some of you might enjoy the extracts below.

The Little Churches of Berkshire

“For at least fifty weeks in every year a pleasing solicitude hovers about the church of Remenham; the other fourteen days are given to so much of the bustle and confusion that overflows from the oarsman’s Mecca. For here we are but a mile from Henley as the sign post near the foot of the classic bridge tells you. We did not time our visit during these fourteen days, and peace reigned, as it should, in this riverside retreat.”

(Many of us must be relieved that it no longer lasts for 14 days!)

The Little Churches of Berkshire *continued*

“It has been said in the defence of those accused of over-restoration, that a church is primarily a sanctuary in which to commune with the Almighty, and archaeological and antiquarian study. Remenham Church is an excellent example of this precept.”

“Remenham, though situated far from the Principality, has usually had a Welshman for Rector, as it is in the gift of Jesus College, Oxford, and has been held by a succession of Fellows of that society. “

Which leads perfectly into -

A WALK ROUND REMENHAM CHURCHYARD

As you enter through the elegant Victorian lych gate pause and read the carving; it is a memorial to a young daughter of the Noble family, Park Place who died of scarlet fever in the late 1800's. Beyond and on the right of the lych gate is a large white head stone in the shape of a cross marking the grave of Martha Constance Hattie Barber who lived in Culham Court from 1893 to 1933; she and her husband Sir Henry Barker were generous benefactors supporting cultural and academic life in Birmingham. She was founder of The Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Birmingham.

Further on , passing the statue of a winged angel you will find the grave of Cabel Gould on which is engraved "The World's a Jest, And all things show it, I thought so once, And now I know it". Gould , an eccentric lock keeper at Hambleden built the lock keeper's house there in the late 18th century. One of his descendants emigrated to New Zealand who in turn produced a more recent descendant, Bryan Gould who won a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford. Bryan Gould was a member of the Labour Shadow Cabinet in 1986 and became a devastating critic of New Labour and the tragedy of the invasion of Iraq. Perhaps he should then have quoted Caleb's epitaph.

Walking back towards the lych gate you will pass a second statue of an angel, with a broken finger marking the grave of a benefactor of Remenham. Perhaps other readers of the Remenham Newsletter know more about this benefactor.

Since the late 1940s, the state has taken over 'charity and social care' on an automatic and massive scale, so perhaps local benefactors have lost incentive---or perhaps they are helping in other ways with less publicity than before.

Jim Bland, Matson Drive

GOOD AND BAD NEWS FROM THE RAG TEAM

On a really positive note one of our Remenham Hill residents entered The Henley in Bloom private garden competition. Now Lisa Downer of 5 Remenham Terrace (corner of Aston Lane and Remenham Hill) has been invited to Henley Town Hall for the prize giving ceremony at 7pm on Thursday 8th September 2016. Lisa is unsure of the outcome but since the judging committee wanted assurance that she would be there then I think she is in for a nice surprise. DO HOPE YOU WIN LISA. Your garden and pond with its waterfall is a credit to your continual hard work. Our village does not have an 'Open Gardens' like so many of our neighbours do so perhaps next year Lisa's handy work can be admired under this scheme as a charity event or fundraiser. I will put this suggestion to the council at their next meeting on Tuesday 13th September 2016.

Unfortunately due to the RAG Team's members having their own heavy gardening workload during the summer months, no planting was undertaken as no permissions had been discussed or given. However budget has been set aside in this financial year and since the late flowering bulbs were sold out last year, a small section of the verge remained untouched. It is hoped to complete this in autumn 2016. A 'welcome' trough idea at both ends of Remenham will also be discussed with the council for implementation in 2017.

Signage remains a problem but with the introduction of CPE (Civil Parking Enforcement) planned for May 2017 throughout the borough, then the council will have the powers to legally enforce parking contraventions which include parking on grass verges or parking across dropped kerbs.

As always if anyone has any ideas or wants to discuss anything to do with The RAG Team then please do email me at rag@remenhamparish.org.uk.

Linda Ashwell

The RAG Team (Remenham Amateur Gardening)

Tel: 01491 411011

WEBSITE STATISTICS

May 2016	July 2016	Total for 2016 to date
857 unique visitors	1,100 unique visitors	5,925 unique visitors
2,736 pages viewed	3,102 pages viewed	16,957 pages viewed

REMENHAM W.I.

July 2016

As Remenham is host to a very busy late June and early July with the Regatta and the Music Festival we have our outing at this time.

This year our treasurer Ann Francis had organised a lovely trip out to Waterperry Park near Thame. A coach of 35 members and friends and members of other W.I.s set off from Henley Bridge, not a brilliant weather forecast, but we only had a couple of short showers.

We were given a marvellous tour of the 8 acres of the gardens. The Estate goes back to the time of the Domesday Book. Over the years much of the acreage has been sold off, and the house has been altered, now it is very elegant good looking Georgian mansion. It is not open every day, but tours can be arranged. It was made famous by Miss Havergal in the early thirties who established her School of Horticulture for Ladies until 1971. She was particularly famous for her strawberries which won many prizes at Chelsea. Courses are still held all around the year from “how to make the most of your garden” to Pruning. We had a delicious buffet style lunch in the Restaurant, after which we had time to visit the Church nearby, with some exquisite original stained glass, and box pews. Also the gift shop, plant shop and museum of antique tools. In all we had a great day out.

August 2016

We had a very happy tea party at Bird Place by kind invitation of Diane Sutherland, with a delicious tea and a lovely outing in an Umpire's Launch.

Sheila Constantinidi



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A cup for the overall winner

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| Class 1 - | Misshapen Vegetable | [] |
| Class 2 - | Longest Runner Bean | [] |
| Class 3 - | 5 Tomatoes | [] |
| Class 4 - | 3 Dessert Apples | [] |
| Class 5 - | 3 Onions | [] |
| Class 6 - | 5 Raspberries | [] |

Classes 7 – 9 Flower and Flower Displays

A cup for the overall winner

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| Class 7 - | Floral display to commemorate Beatrix Potter
- maximum height and width including vase 18" | [] |
| Class 8 - | Best single cut rose | [] |
| Class 9 - | Floral arrangement in a cup and saucer | [] |

Class 10 – 11 Cookery

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| Class 10 - | Adults – 6 cup cakes | [] |
| Class 11 - | Children – cup cakes judged on decoration only | [] |

Classes 12 – 13 Art and Craft

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| Class 12 - | Adults – piece of craftwork of your choice or a photo | [] |
| Class 13 - | Children – drawing of Peter Rabbit | [] |

Class 14 – Preserves

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| Class 14 - | Home made jar of jam – any flavour | [] |
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ALL EXHIBITS (WITH ENTRY FORMS) TO BE IN PLACE READY FOR JUDGING AT 2.30 PM PLEASE